

Committee on Ways and Means

Social Security Protection Act of 2003 – H.R. 743

List of Supporting Organizations

- AARP
- Association of Administrative Law Judges
- Citizens Against Government Waste
- Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Task Forces on Social Security and Work Incentives Implementation
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- National Conference of State Social Security Administrators
- National Council of Social Security Management Associations, Inc.
- National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives
- Social Security Administration Inspector General

Says AARP:

- ◆ “This comprehensive legislation is important to current beneficiaries, claimants, and the Social Security program.”
- ◆ “The bill would protect more than 6 million beneficiaries against abuses by representative payees.”
- ◆ “This legislation builds on prior legislation and could discourage unscrupulous mailers from scaring older people about their Social Security and Medicare benefits.”

Says the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill:

- ◆ “H.R. 743 contains long overdue protections for the most disabled and vulnerable Americans and their families.”
- ◆ “[The bill] will provide badly needed protections for recipients whose benefits are mishandled or fraudulently diverted by institutional representative payees.”
- ◆ “[The bill’s] new protection will be of tremendous help to Social Security disability insurance beneficiaries seeking to use the Trial Work Period program to re-enter the workforce.”

Says the Consortium for Citizens with Disability:

- ◆ “People with disabilities need the protections of the representative payee provisions.”
- ◆ “People with disabilities who are attempting to work need the statutory changes to the Ticket to Work program in order to better utilize the intended work incentive provisions....”

Says the Citizens Against Government Waste:

- ◆ “[H.R. 743] would fiscally strengthen the Social Security program by reining in the loss of millions of dollars flowing away from beneficiaries each year due to waste, fraud and abuse.”

Says the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives:

- ◆ “Passage of this legislation will help claimants obtain representation as they navigate what can often be a confusing and difficult process.”

Says the Social Security Administration's Inspector General in testimony before the Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee:

- ◆ “H.R. 743 is a major step in closing several loopholes that currently exist and will provide greater oversight for representative payees. This along with the enhanced criminal and civil penalties will help to provide greater protection to some of our country's most vulnerable.”